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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Mail Stop: Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2005, please consider the following. A request for an extension of time to respond up to and including May 1, 2005 and a Credit Card Payment Form for the requisite fee are included herewith. Please provide any additional extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any additional fees which may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.